

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Traffic Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

David Preston, Chairman
Madeline Felsted, Vice Chair
Garrett Williams, Secretary
Steve Miller
Greg Geter
Katie Ellet

Modesto Mundo, Assistant City Manager
Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Secretary
Keith Traylor, Police Lieutenant

Vinay Singhania, City Council Liaison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Ellet led the pledge of allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 14, 2009 were approved as presented.

VISITORS COMMENTS

There were no visitors present.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SOLUTIONS FOR AREA SCHOOLS TRAFFIC CONJESTION AND FLOW OF TRAFFIC

Mr. Mundo presented the flow of traffic map around Rasco Middle School. The sub committee met and came with the presented map. This map will be given out to parents at Rasco during orientation for parents to see. Mr. Mundo stated that it is more the school districts responsibility to instruct the flow of traffic at the school.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENTRANCE ONTO PLANTATION DRIVE AT 98 PLANTATION (GIRL SCOUT PROPERTY)

Mr. Lamar Jordan, 108 Banyan Street stated that he is here to speak on behalf of the Church of Christ at 110 Plantation Drive. The congregation has outgrown the facility at 110 Plantation Drive. They have a contract on the property at 98 Plantation Drive which is now owned by the Girl Scouts. This property is a unique situation there because the property was originally owned by Dow Chemical. Dow took half of the property and deeded it to the Junior Achievement Association and in 1966 they donated the other half of the property to the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts have always accessed the building through the Junior Achievements parking lot. The Junior Achievement property is now for sale. The church would like to create an access off of Plantation Drive. This property

has no access to a public street. Mr. Jordan stated that he has been before the Planning Commission because the property will require a zoning change. After discussing the entry onto Plantation with the Planning Commission, they wanted this to go before the Traffic Commission for feed back on the access road.

Ms. Felsted asked what the service times of the congregation were.

Mr. Jordan stated that they meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for church services. Young people have class on Sunday afternoon and a ladies class on Tuesday evening. The meeting times will not be at the same time as the businesses along this part of Plantation.

Council member Singhania stated that when the new highway feeder roads are installed, access from Magnolia and Plantation will be shut off. This will defray some of the traffic along Plantation.

The commission felt that the access onto Plantation Drive from this location is needed and they have no concerns. This information will be passed along to the Planning Commission.

DISCUSS THE CLOSING OF THE HIGHWAY 332 SCHOOL CROSSINGS DUE TO THE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WORK

Mr. Mundo stated the school district will institute new bussing locations to help with getting children to school because of the crossing guard closures.

Lt. Traylor stated that crossing guards will be at the current location the first two weeks of school, informing the children that these crossing locations will be closed at the effective date decided upon by BISD. Signs will also be placed at these locations that state that these crossings will be closed. BISD is also contacting the parents of those children that this will affect.

Ms. Felsted stated that if they are bussing at this location, what about bussing the children from Northwood across to Bess Brannen.

Lt. Traylor stated that busing that operates out of Northwood because they don't like the time the bus stops to pick them up. This problem will come into play in November when construction begins in this area.

Council member Singhania stated that the State is closing these crossings along SH 332.

Mr. Mundo stated that all school crossings along the highway will be closed. The school zone lights along this area will be turned off as well.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR RED LIGHT CAMERA HEARINGS

Lt. Traylor stated that any members wishing to volunteer to contact Mr. Billy Paul Richards at the Police Department or City Attorney Sherri Russell.

Ms. Felsted stated it is usually a commitment of approximately an hour to hour and half every other week.

REVIEW SCHOOL ZONE/CROSSING GUARD POLICY

Ms. Felsted stated that because they are taking away the crossings at Hwy 332 at Yaupon, we might need to revisit the distance of the school zone along Yaupon. The school zone along Yaupon currently goes all the way to HWY 332; this won't be needed with the school crossings being taken out.

At the next meeting, the commission would like to review the new bus pick up locations and discuss school zones around these areas.

ACCIDENT REPORT – JULY

The accident report for July was accepted with thanks.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Felsted, second by Mr. Williams meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2009.

David Preston, Chairman

Garrett Williams, Secretary